RNA *For a Better Life in the Heights*

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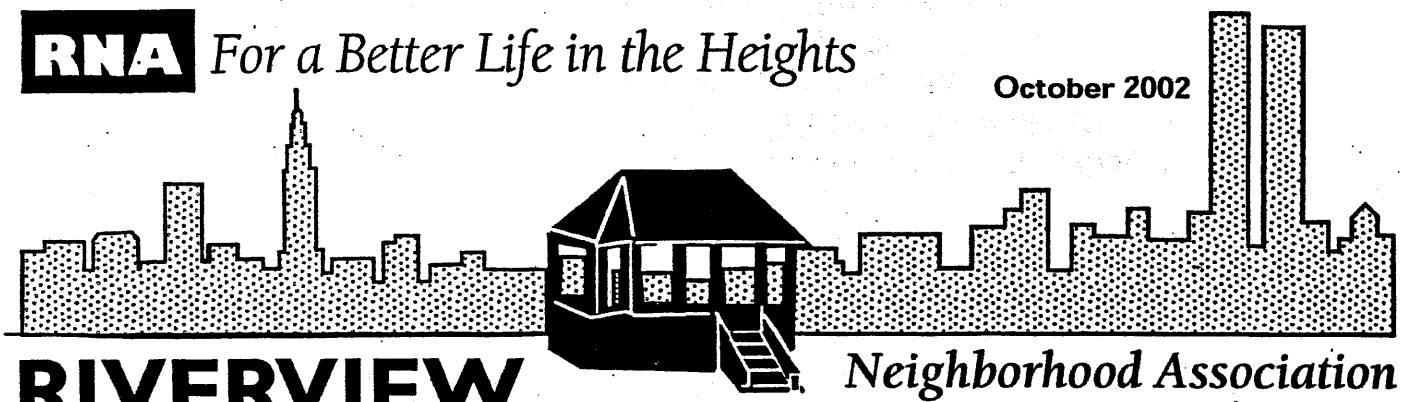

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MEET MAYOR CUNNINGHAM

It is imperative that our government officials be kept informed of the concerns and issues of the local neighborhoods. On Tues., October 8th, **Mayor Glenn Cunningham** will be the guest speaker at the RNA meeting. Come to express your concerns! What are the areas that need the most attention at this time and what long range plans are needed for the continued improvement of our neighborhood? It is important that Mayor Cunningham and his staff hear from everyone in the community.

The meeting will be devoted to an open discussion with the Mayor about the issues facing our neighborhood. Local development projects, larger regional planning issues, our daily "quality of life" concerns, crime - *whatever comments you may have, please bring them to the meeting.*

COMMUNITYUPDATES

GATEWAY: On September 23rd, the **Hudson County Alliance** and the **City Council of Hoboken** filed an appeal of **Superior Court Judge Arthur D'Italia**'s decision dismissing HCA's lawsuit against the Hoboken Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Hoboken Construction official. The lawsuit was filed to stop the twin 17 story project currently being constructed below the Palisade cliffs on the Hoboken-Jersey City border. The Judge also dismissed the consolidated complaints of both Hoboken and the City of Jersey City in their entirety.The City of Jersey City has filed a separate appeal of the judge's decision.

The only count remaining at the Superior Court level is the one objecting to the agreement between the developers and the North Hudson Sewerage Authority. For further information, read HCA's two "Letters to the Editor" published in the Hoboken Reporter's September 22nd and 29th editions at at their website: *HobokenReporter.com.*

HOLLAND STREET: On Saturday, September 28th, approximately 70 neighbors, friends and members - adults and children - volunteered for this semi-annual projec to clean up **Holland Street** and successfully filled up a City dumpster. Photos of this event will be published in our next newsletter.

Last month, the **Jersey City Historic Preservation Commission** gave its recommendation to add Holland Street to the Municipal Register. RNA is now awaiting a date to make its presentation to the Planning Board. Once the Board votes to recommend the application, it goes to the City Council for final approval.

LOCAL BUILDING PROBLEMS: RNA has been monitoring two local building projects that are very problematic and causing a great deal of concern in the neighborhood: **117-119 Mountain Road**: a group of neighbors and RNA members has recently appealed the Zoning Official's decision to allow property owner Norman Wilson to construct a roof-top tennis court; and **122-124 Ogden Avenue**: the City has issued a stop work order against all further construction until the developer-owners mediate a soil contamination from an underground oil tank.

Residents should immediately complain to the proper City agency any project that is being constructed without proper permits, after-hours or on weekends and causing potential health problems. RNA should also be notified to help insure that the City inspects all such projects.

NID UPDATE:**Ron Clemente, NID Manager**'s area of coverage as been expanded to include the entire east side of the Heights (North 4, 5, 6, & 7). Boundaries include Union City border on the north, Ogden Ave. on the east, Central Ave. on the west and the Island area to the south (Waldo Ave. to Summit Ave. & Trenton Street to Newark Ave.).

The Division, now incorporated in the Police Department, has been reduced to 6 inspectors. Because of this development, Ron recommends that complaints be filed by telephone or at community meetings. [Voice Mail: **(201) 547-4982; Box #8015** or call the office at **547-5683.**]

[*RNA's September Meeting Minutes will be published in the November newsletter.*]

RNA'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

RNA is looking for volunteers for its annual **Harbor View Party** for our senior neighbors, the **Holiday Food and Toy Drive, Xmas Carolling** and **Park Pavilion Lighting** and the **RNA Holiday Party.** Come to the October 8th meeting to sign up for one or more of these wonderful activities. Or call **Maria**, at **(201) 659-2245.**

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

RNA MEETING: 7:15 PM

Location: Harbor View Health Care Center

Mayor Glenn Cunningham

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COME MEET YOUR MAYOR
GLENN CUNNINGHAM
AT THE NEXT RNA MEETING, OCTOBER 8TH
AT 7:15 PM AT THE
HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY

HOLLAND STREET STEPS
on PATERSON PLANK ROAD
(Circa 1920)
Jersey City Heights, N.J.
[From the Theodore Conrad Collection]